



# KEN PAXTON

## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 18-452-PF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 12/6/2018 2:50 PM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Pasadena Police  
Dept.

Agency Address: 1201 Davis Street

Agency City: Pasadena

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77506

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Alberto

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Espinoza Jr.

Reporter Name: Joe Stephens

Reporter Email: jstephens@ci.pasadena.tx.us

## Decedent Information

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### Identity of Deceased

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First Name: James

Middle Name:

Last Name: Golden

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/28/1976

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 42

Date/Time of Custody (arrest, incarceration) (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 5/16/2018 8:42 PM

Date/Time of Death (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

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Death Date and Time: 5/16/2018 10:57  
PM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

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Medical Examiner/Coroner  
Evaluation?: Yes, results are  
available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

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Manner of Death: Accidental

## Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Acute methamphetamine toxicity

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

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Medical Treatment: Yes

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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Who caused the death?: Not applicable

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

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Type of weapon that caused death?: Not Applicable

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

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Pre existing medical condition?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

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Means of Death: Drug overdose

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 1308 Bennett

City: Pasadena

County: Harris

Zip: 77503

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

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Location Category: Residence/Home

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

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Type of Custody: Private Facility

Specific type of custody/facility:

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Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

What was the time and date of the deceased's entry into the law enforcement facility where the death occurred (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

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Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Medical facility

## General Information

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Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

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Other Agencies Respond?: No

What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

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Offense 1:

Burglary of a Habitation

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

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Type of Offense: Crime Against Property

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

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Decedent display/use of weapons: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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Attempt to Injure Others?: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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| Barricade self or initiate standoff?:     | No | Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:     | No |
| Physically attempt/assault officer(s):    | No | Gain possession of officer's weapon:      | No |
| Verbally threaten other(s) including law: | No | Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody: | No |
| Attempt gain possession officer's weapon: | No |                                           |    |

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

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Under Restraint: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

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Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

## Summary of Incident

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Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

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Summary:

On Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at approximately 8:42 PM, Officers were dispatched to 1308 Bennett Dr in regards to a concern for welfare, which was described as an unknown male in a resident's garage. Upon arriving, Officers observed a white male lying on the floor between the washer and dryer. Officer placed the male in handcuffs due to the fact that the male was a burglary of a habitation suspect at that time. The male was lying on his stomach and Officers turned the male over and sat him up. Officers then tried to speak to the male and he appeared to be "out of it" and an ambulance was called for the male for a possible overdose. Officer said that the male appeared to have irregular breathing and about the time that the ambulance arrived at the scene he could not detect breathing from the male. Officer then un-handcuffed the male and began to assist EMS with CPR. Officers did not use force during their contact with the male other than to originally handcuff him.

The male was transported to Bayshore Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 10:57 PM.

Autopsy results from the decedent are still pending.

The autopsy results on this case have returned and the manner of death was ruled as Accidental.

The primary cause of death was ruled Acute methamphetamine toxicity.

